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Writing with the Labor Question.

Mr. O'Neill's arbitration bill has once

more that members of Congress are

capable of proposing very inadequate, not

to say absurd, remedies to cure serious

diseases. Everybody would be glad if

Congress, or any other agency, could at

once devise and put into active and suc-

cessful operation a measure to prevent

conflicts between labor and capital, to

make both interests fair, wise and for-

bearing; to improve the condition of under-

paid labor, and insure the country against

a recurrence of labor troubles.

There are ways in which Congress may

contribute to a solution of the problem,

but the measure advanced by the Chair-

man of the Labor Committee contained

only disappointment for those who might

be so easily deceived as to put faith in it.

Mr. O'Neill himself was deceived, but no

other member of his committee was.

The bill did not undertake to make arbi-

tration compulsory; it provided no way

to make the judgment of the arbitrators

binding. At its best it was nothing more

than a suggestion to employers and em-

ployees to live on better terms, to arbitrate

their differences and accept in good faith

the award of the arbitrators. It provided

for nothing that cannot already be had

and done without an act of Congress, and

the situation would not have been improved

in any way by the proposed act of Con-

gress.

In the debate several members, repre-

senting each political party, said they

would vote for the bill because, while it

could do no good, it could do no harm.

We take this to be a false view of the

question. An act of Congress which holds

out to the country an unfounded hope,

cannot but be harmful. Such disorders as

we have seen in the southwest and in

lesser degree elsewhere, ought not to be

trifled with by quick remedies.

Public sentiment on the labor question

is growing. Employers and employees are

learning. Capital is beginning to see that

organized labor is not necessarily its foe,

and labor is learning not only that it has

something to gain by organization, but

that in every well-directed effort to bene-

fit its condition it has for its ally the

mighty power of public opinion.

The country is advancing rapidly on the

right line. The revolution is acquiring

momentum and velocity, not entirely

without violence, it is true, but yet with

fair promise that violent methods will be

abandoned and peace and sobriety resume

their sway. A better day is dawning for

willing labor, and this means for the

whole country. There is yet ample room

for the exercise of patience, wisdom, hard

common sense. Old systems, methods,

prejudices are not swept away in a day,

but when public opinion falls foul of them

they do go.

CHAPLAIN MILLBURN.

Objections Taken to his Remarkable Prayer

To the House of Representatives.

To the Editor of the Intelligence.

Sir:—May I be permitted to address a

line to you upon "that remarkable prayer"

so ably commented on in your issue of

March 30? First, the prayer. During all

the years of my life since I first knew the

present Chaplain of the Senate, Dr. Mil-

burn, I have held him in profound re-

verence as a devoted man of God, and as

a most efficient minister of the Gospel of

Christ. But I fail to recognize the spirit

of the Master in his late "remarkable

prayer," made in the House of Represen-

tatives. I fail to see in it the spirit of ar-

dent, unflinching soul looking to God for

relief, which is the only true spirit of

prayer. Of course no human being is

able to penetrate the secret depths of the

Chaplain's soul, but the prayer, in the

language of a man of God, is a prayer of

the weight of an impending evil—either real

or supposed. But abstract words are the

signs of ideas, and grouped together in a

related sense their purpose is to express

intelligent thought. I analyze as I may all

as your very able editorial dealing with

this delicate and intricate subject are

wont to be. WORKINGWOMAN.

Washington, D. C.

SMALL FARMS.

How to Make Them Pay—What Crops

Should be Raised.

Ohio Farmer.

If the farm is tillable, I should divide

the sixteen acres into four sections of four

acres each; but it is not necessary to fence

it, except the four acres where the house

and barn stand. This plot I should divide

up in the following way: Two acres for

house, small lawn, kitchen, garden, barn-

yard, etc. This is rather large, I think,

and less would do if the house and barn

are in the right position; but call it two

acres. Then one acre for fruit—black-

berries, raspberries, currants and straw-

berries. One acre for poultry; this acre

should be set to pear, quince and peach

trees, and plum can be added if thought

best. The balance of the four acres for

the house, I find that the trees do much

better where the poultry run than where

they do not. On this acre I would

have four poultry houses, with yards for

run of one-fourth acre each, and should

have twenty-five in each yard—one yard

of other bud, white or partridge Cochins

for sitters; and two of Plymouth Rocks

or Wyandots; and two of Leghorns for

early broilers and the Plymouth Rocks

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Words of Cheese from Greenbrier.

GREENBRIER, W. VA., March 28.—The

Democrats are not harmonious here.

Kenner's speech is in the mouth of every

Democrat, and unless Governor Wilson

sounds a counter blast Kenner and Cam-

den will run away with the party. But

the party is weak-kneed now, and if

they can carry the Legislature.

And then it behooves us to look out for

our man. I think he ought to come from this

end of the State. For the House of Rep-

resentatives we are for Col. J. W. Davis,

of Greenbrier county. He would make

an able, earnest Representative. He is

a man of ability and a faithful worker in

any cause that he engages. If nominated

and elected he certainly would be the

most efficient man that we could send to

Congress.

I believe he is about the only candidate

the Republicans have had at any time

who has canvassed every county in the

district, and if nominated again I think

he will have a good chance to be elected.

Now is the chance for the Republicans.

W. T. L.

The Fox and the Hares.

Detroit Free Press.

A Fox who was passing through the

Forest one day heard a great dispute

among the Hares, and he turned aside to

read several of them Engaged in Hard

Knocks around a Burrow.

"What's all this row about?" demanded

Raynard, as he fell among them.

"Our father is dead, and we can't agree

as to who shall possess his Burrow."

"But it is large enough for all of you."

"So it is; but that settles the Question of

Fact instead of Principle."

"I'll take the fact, and you can

keep the Principle," said the Fox as he

took possession of the Burrow.

Moral: When the Hares Fight over the

old Homestead the Lawyer comes to

own the Farm.

A Coming Event.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

One of these fine days the Knights of

Labor will fall upon William R. Morrison,

and the place now filled by Mr. Morrison

will contain a vacancy therewith.

DIED.

BENNETT—At Garden City, Kansas, on Sunday,

March 26, 1886, Mrs. A. BENNETT, formerly of Wheel-

ing, W. Va., on her 63d birthday.

Medical.

The Greatest Cure on Earth for Pain. Will

relieve from all kinds of pain, such as

rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, lumbago,

headache, toothache, earache, eyeache,

throatache, chestache, stomachache, back-

ache, legache, armache, and all other

aches and pains. It is a certain cure for

all the above named pains, and is a

valuable remedy for all the above named

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